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I/we believe I/we am/are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **FAULT TOLERANT MASTERSHIP SYSTEM AND METHOD**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I/we hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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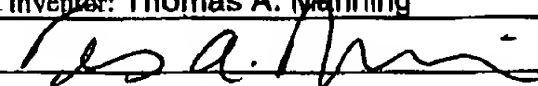
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